

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1 (Original). A dielectric ceramic composition represented by the general formula, $\text{Mg}_x\text{SiO}_{2+x} + a\text{Sr}_y\text{TiO}_{2+y}$, wherein x , y and a satisfy the relations of $1.70 \leq x \leq 1.99$, $0.98 \leq y \leq 1.02$, and $0.05 \leq a \leq 0.40$, respectively.

2 (Currently amended). A multilayer electronic component comprising a laminate of a plurality of dielectric ceramic layers, internal electrodes disposed between ~~the respective~~ dielectric ceramic layers, and external electrodes electrically connected to the internal electrodes, wherein the dielectric ceramic layers are formed using the dielectric ceramic composition according to claim 1.